North-East *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

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Top 10 responses to the question: "What can the <u>State</u> do to foster economic growth in your region?"

Priority response #1 (votes:) <u>Promote business development—attraction expansion, and start-ups.</u>

Priority response #2 (votes:) <u>Improve education.</u>

Priority response #3 (votes:) <u>Governmental reform.</u>

Priority response #4 (votes:) <u>Business financing.</u>

Priority response #5 (votes:) <u>Transportation improvements.</u>

Priority response #6 (votes:) <u>Broadband infrastructure.</u>

Priority response #7 (votes:) <u>Comprehensive energy planning.</u>

"Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas" Exercise

"If we want to accomplish this [priority issue #1], what does "the State" (as defined earlier) have to do now?

Priority Issue #1 <u>Business Development.</u>

Responses to the question: "If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does "the State" (as defined earlier) have to do now?"

*Increase workers' skills.

　　　*Focus university/college programs to regional needs.

　　　*Assess region's business needs.

　　　*Incumbent worker training.

　　　*Expand school year from 180 days to 200 days.

*Distribute research throughout UW system by tying it to regional needs.

*Encourage higher paying jobs.

*State financing programs reward quality rather than quantity of jobs. Eliminate LMI requirements.

*Incumbent worker training.

*Recruit expand and incubate high value added, professional/technical companies.

*Entrepreneurial Development.

*Create and support a regional one stop business assistance center.

*Provide communications, transportation, and energy infrastructure to support businesses.

*Provide risk capital.

*Encourage growth of existing businesses.

*Change IRB cap from 10M to 20M and eliminate carry forward/carry back provisions.

*Provide broadband, energy, and transportation infrastructure.

*Modify the command control philosophy of regulatory agencies including mercury thresholds.

*Encourage high tech industries.

*Provide incentives to keep young people in Wisconsin.

*Improve financial technical assistance to embrace new technologies.

*Provide appropriate broadband, energy infrastructure.